Use of Container Service in Shipping Industry

1491. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the reasons for which Government are allowing the managements in the shipping industry to use the facility of container service and other job-killing devices when the country is facing acute unemployment problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): Containerisation primarily aims at faster, more secure and damage free transportation and handling of cargo. Shipping being an international industry adequate containerisation of the fleet is necessary in order to enable Indian Shipping to compete or atleast secure a reasonable share in the country's export/import trade as also cross trades. Otherwise, the trading opportunity for ships will be reduced which will also have an impact on the employment opportunity at ports and on ships. In this context it has also been decided to introduce container technology in some of the major ports in the country in order to handle container ships and containerised cargo. It will not be correct to say that there is any loss of employment opportunities as a result of introduction of containerisation and other modern technologies in the port and shipping industries.

Construction of Airport at Salem and Tuticorin

1492. SHRI T. THANGABALU: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans under Government's consideration at present to construct airports in the cities of Salem and Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether any budget has been allocated for the purpose; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) The Department of Civil Aviation have no plan to construct airports at Salem and Tuticorin during the 6th Plan period.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Industrial DA formula for the Employees of Public Undertakings

1493. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the revision of Pay Scale and for switching over to Industrial D.A. formula for the employees of public undertakings; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether any informal agreements have been reached regarding switch over to Industrial D.A. pattern between the managements and unions of the various public sector undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA): (a) Proposals for switch over to Industrial DA formula were received from the Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd., Manganese Ores (India) Ltd., and Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd. and they have been approved by the Government. Each public sector undertaking has a certain existing pay structure and fringe benefits which is taken into account while approving the switch over to Industrial DA and related Scales of Pay. As such it would not be feasible to indicate any general pattern of details.

(b) Negotiations for the adoption of Industrial DA Formula and related Scales of Pay are in progress in a few enterprises.

Report of the Jute Commissioner on Nationalisation of Jute Industry

1494. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1962 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th August, 1983 regarding nationalisation of jute industry and state:

(a) whether the report from the Jute Commissioner has since been received; and

(b) if so, what decision the Central Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Nationalisation of an industry is the last resort for reactivating sick units. The Government's role is primarily to monitor and coordinate measures for the revival of the sick units coupled with assistance from the banking and financial institutions which are primarily responsible to take remedial measures inclusive of financial and managerial restructuring of the units.

House Rent Allowance for Staff of Central Government undertakings

1495. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Central Government Undertakings are paying House Rent Allowances @30 per cent in Delhi and Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not paying House Rent Allowance at the same rate to the staff working in Calcutta, Madras and other A Class cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As Delhi and Bombay are considered more expensive compared to other 'A' class cities as regards housing, HRA at 30 per cent has been permitted to be paid by the Public Enterprises as against 25 per cent in other 'A' class cities.

Criteria laid down for transfer of ITOs and Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax

1496. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

SHRI KAILASHPATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria laid down by Government for transfers of ITOs (Group-A) and Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax in the I. T. Department, from one Charge to another;

(b) whether it is a fact that in a number of cases the above criteria have not allowed strictly in Delhi Charge while transfering recently the ITOs (Group-A) and the Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax of Delhi;

(c) if so, what is the number of ITOs (Group-A) and Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax whose stay in Delhi is more than the stipulated period as mentioned in (a) above; and

(d) what are the reasons for not transferring them out of Delhi Charge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) to (d) The criteria for transfer of Assistant Commissioners of Income-tax and Income-tax Officers (Group-A) from one charge to another is broadly as follows:—

(i) An Assistant Commissioner who has stayed in a particular charge for 8 years including the period as Income tax Officer (Group-A) will be liable for transfer to another charge in a state other than the state where he is presently posted.

(ii) A promotee Income-tax Officer would normally be liable to transfer to another charge after he has rendered 5 years regular service as Income-tax Officer (Group-A) in a particular charge and the directly recruited Income tax Officer (Group-A) will be shifted to another charge after 6 years' stay in a charge.

(iii) If an officer is working or has worked on deputation at the same station, he period spent on deputation will not be taken into account for the purpose of counting his stay at a particular station.

(iv) As far as possible no Income-tax Officer will be transferred to another charge during the last 3 years of his service and Assistant Commis-